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ENGLAND.

*Report from London.*LONDON, ENGLAND, *September 25, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that the following cases of infectious diseases were reported to the local health authorities for the week ended September 20, 1902: Smallpox, 4; scarlet fever, 309; diphtheria, 149; enteric fever, 61. At the close of the week there were 47 cases of smallpox, 2,657 of scarlet fever, 1,003 of diphtheria, and 332 of enteric fever under treatment. In the 76 great towns of England and Wales, estimated population, 14,862,053, the deaths during the week corresponded to an annual rate of 17.7 per 1,000. Only 3 deaths occurred from smallpox, and these belonged to London.

Respectfully,

JOHN McMULLEN,
Passed Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

GERMANY.

International conference on tuberculosis—Passed Assistant Surgeon J. M. Eager detailed to represent the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service of the United States.

The second international conference on tuberculosis will be held in Berlin, Germany, October 22 to October 26. Meetings will be held every morning and afternoon during this period, and discussions of the following topics will be the regular order of business:

The position of governments regarding the prevention of tuberculosis; the obligation to give information to the police; the organization of dispensaries; the duty of schools with regard to the prevention of tuberculosis; precautions against the dangers of milk; tuberculosis during infancy; protection of labor and prevention of tuberculosis, and the classification of and different modes of accommodating consumptives.

Upon invitation of Dr. Pannewitz, the general secretary of the conference, Passed Assistant Surgeon J. M. Eager, now stationed at Naples, Italy, has been detailed to represent the Service at the conference, and to make full report of the proceedings and results arrived at.

*Plague and cholera in various countries.*BERLIN, GERMANY, *September 26, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the latest information regarding plague and cholera, obtained from the imperial health office (Kaiserlichen-Gesundheitsamt), Berlin:

Plague.

RUSSIA.—In order to prevent the circulation of false rumors, the city authorities of Odessa published, on September 10, an official notice to the effect that up to that date no more than 18 cases of suspected plague with 6 deaths had occurred. For the destruction of the rats, the municipality has determined to employ rat-typhus cultures (Kulturen des Erregers des Rattentyphus) instead of strychnine.

According to the Government Gazette of September 17, there were registered on September 11, September 12, and September 13, 6 fresh cases of suspected plague.

TURKEY.—On September 15, a case of plague occurred in the harbor quarter of Stambul.